

TOPIC General Military Information

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1. On 19 March 1953, about 80 soldiers were observed at the Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr (N 48/W 88). The trucks were seen in the garages of the installation which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Apparently, the Auhof Kaserne was not occupied to capacity. A group of 27 EM was engaged in rifle firing at practice targets on the training area west of the installation. A group of 17 EM dug out a ditch. Another group of 9 EM was sitting around a radio set which was operated by a soldier. A double-set radio was operated by two soldiers in the garden of a private residence north of the Auhof Kaserne. Six officers were also observed in the garden. Truck [] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets came from the direction of the Auhof Kaserne and went to Urfahr. Trucks [] were observed at the Auhof Kaserne; the first truck being occupied by a driver and two soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and the other truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets. Sedan [] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets and occupied by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the Urfahr railroad station.¹
2. On 23 March, truck [] and sedan E 8-41-21, driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, left the former Kreisgericht in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) by the main gate on Schiesstattring. Trucks [] were parked in front of the garage west of the former Kreisgericht. The barrier at the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles passing the barrier included: jeeps [] and trucks [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and trucks [] driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets.
3. On 23 March, about 60 EM were engaged in close order drill at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Some of the soldiers were equipped with rifles. Vehicles observed included weapon carrier [] and trucks [] All vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.²
4. On 20 March, 6 armored scout cars, 8 propped up artillery pieces without muzzle brake with 8 propped up trucks, and 18 additional trucks, [] were parked near the former Bundes-erziehungsanstalt in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). The installation was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Ambulance [] and truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. About 40 EM were engaged in scaling an obstacle on the training ground.³

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5. On 16 March, no change was observed in the occupation of the Trost Kaserne, Vienna. Trucks [redacted] entered the installation. The vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. At least 15 vehicles were parked in the yard of the garage on Pernerstorfer Strasse.

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[redacted] Doors and gates of the hospital on Leibniz Gasse were sealed. The sidewalk was no longer blocked off for civilians.⁴

1. [redacted] Comment. The soldiers observed at the Auhof Kaserne and on the firing practice and training ground west of the installation probably belong to the 287th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which is carried in Urfahr.

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2. [redacted]

3. [redacted] Comment. The armored scout cars and artillery pieces have been repeatedly observed near the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt. They probably belong to the 45th Gds Mecz Regt stationed in Traiskirchen.

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